

REMARKS

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Claims 1-13 and 23-29 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein. Claims 14-22 are cancelled without prejudice to their pursuit in a continuing application. Claims 1-13 were allowed and claims 23-29 indicated to be allowable if rewritten to include the intervening claim limitations. This has been done. No new matter was added. Accordingly, allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

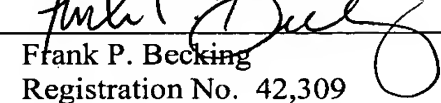
Conclusion

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078, order number 10004452-1.

Respectfully submitted,
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